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From the London Evening-Poſt, Oct. 11.

Madrid, Sept. 20.

WE have received the following Relation of a dreadful Earthquake that happened at Noto in Sicily the Beginning of laſt Month: It began on the 5th of Auguſt between 1 and 2 in the Morning, by two very violent Shokes, which threw the whole Town into Conſternation. On the 6th they felt five other Shokes ſucceſſively, which obliged all the Inhabitants to abandon their Houſes, and betake themſelves to the public and open Places, where the Monks preached to the People, proſtrate on the Ground, diſſolving as it were in Tears, beating their Breaſts, and reciting the Roſary with much Devotion. On Tueſday the 7th they felt an 8th Shoke, and the next Day a 9th, not leſs violent than that which threw down this unhappy Town on the 11th of January 1693. Among the many Edifices that have been deſtroyed by this Earthquake, are, the Wall of the old Church of the Monaſtery of the Franciſcans of St. Agatha, the great Arch of the new Church of the Benedictines of St. Saviour, with the whole Gallery that was within it; the Arch of the old Church of the Brothers Minims Obſervantines; Part of the Convent of the Minims of S. Franciſco de Paulo, beſides a great Number of Buildings not ſo high, and many others that were crack'd, eſpecially the fine Church of St. Michael. Nevertheleſs in the Midſt of theſe Ruins, it pleaſed the Divine Providence, that not one of the Inhabitants periſhed, and only 4 were wounded.

Stockholm, Sept. 27. The King has ſent Orders to Major-Feneral Zulich, his Miniſter in Poland, to ſet out from Grodno for Dreſden, and before his Departure to deliver to the Senators a Letter in the following Terms: 'That ſince they ſhewed 'not any Reſpect neither for the Miniſters of Foreign Potentates, nor for the Potentates themſelves, and that they made a Boaſt of not having 'any Regard to their Remonſtrances, and of infringing the moſt ſolemn Treaties; his Majeſty 'thought it incumbent upon him to let 'em know, 'that the Time might come when, weary'd with 'ſuch Slights and Diſregards, his Majeſty and his 'Allies ſhould think themſelves obliged to act in 'a more vigorous Manner than hitherto they have 'done.'

Philadelphia, July 31. Our Aſſembly have laid a Duty of 40 ſh. per Head on all Aliens imported, and 20 ſh. per Head on all Iriſh Servants imported. About 10 Days ago a Ship arrived here from Ireland with 200 Servants, alſo four Veſſels more with Paſſengers from Ireland.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Octob. 14.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from Holland.

THE General Court of the South S. Company has not yet been held, and the Reaſon given for differring it is the Arrival of ſome good News, and the daily Expectation of receiving more, which may probably induce the Court to continue their Trade. Mean Time we don't hear of an Expreſs being come from our Ambaſſador at the Court of Spain. But 'tis wrote from Paris of the 12th inſtant, That there was no further Doubt but that a Peace would be ſpeedily and entirely Re-eſtabliſhed between his Catholick Majeſty and the Allies of Hanover. At the ſame Time 'tis wiſhed the Emperor would accede to the ſaid Treaty, that the Peace might become general: But ſhould he, as ſome inſinuate, oppoſe the Succeſſion of Don Carlos, on Account of the Danger to which his Territories in Italy would be thereby expoſed, and we obliged to maintain the ſaid Succeſſion againſt him; 'tis he that in a great Meaſure hath occaſioned this Change, particularly by his Behaviour towards us for paſt Services.

'Tis ſaid the Commiſſioners for Victualling his Majeſty's Navy, have contracted with Mr. Collier for 2000 Oxen and 4000 Hoggs, ſuppoſed for the Men of War deſigned for the Streights; and we hear a general Council is to be held this Evening at Kenſington, and that the Lord Viſcount Townſhend

Townſhend will take his Place therein as Lord Preſident.

By Letters from Dublin we are informed, That on the 6th Inſtant, Mr. Proby his Majeſty's Surgeon General of that Kingdom, departed this Life at his Houſe on Ormond Key, after a long Indiſpoſition.

On Friday laſt ſeveral of the Italian Singers lately arrived here from Italy, who are to perform in the Opera's. Their Majeſties were pleaſed to hear a private Performance from them at Kenſington, when the Harpſicord was played upon by Mr. Hendel, and their Performances were much approved.

What Weight the Preſentation of the Grand-Jury at Weſtminſter may have we know not, but it was done with a good Deſign.

Mr. Woolſton has publiſhed the 2d Edition of his Defence.

The Letters from Briſtol aſſure, that the Rioters at that Place were diſperſed, and 'twas believed that divers of the Ring-leaders would be brought to exemplary Puniſhment, to deter ſuch like Practices for the future.

On Sunday laſt a Sentence of Excommunication was pronounced in the Pariſh-Church of Chiſwick in Middeſex, by the Reverend Mr. Wood Vicar of that Place, againſt Stephen Br---n Eſq; who now reſides in the ſaid Pariſh.

P. S. The South-S. Company, whoſe Stock is riſen to 102, are buſy in chooſing Packers, Dyers, and other Tradeſmen, in Order to carry on their Commerce to their Spaniſh W. Indies, from the very favourable News they have received ſince the firſt Report that was made of a General Court to be held, in Relation to the Continuance of their Trade.

Our Letters from on Board the Cornwall at Spithead, which was wrote Yeſterday, is juſt come to hand, and give an Accouut that Sir Charles Wager's Moveables were all packed, in Order to be ſent to Town, and that they expected next Poſt diſperſing Orders for the Ships into Harbour.

From the London Evening Poſt, Oct. 14.

Madrid, Sept. 27. According to our Letters from Port St. Mary's, the Queen is entred into the 8th Month of her Pregnancy.

London, Oct. 14. His Majeſty being ſlightly indiſpoſed, is attended by his Phyſicians.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales hath been ſlightly indiſpoſed of a Cold.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, Oct. 14.

Madrid, Sept. 27. Public Affairs look with a ſmiling Aſpect: By the Steps the Court of England is taking, it ſeems as if its Deſigns were to conclude with our Court a *ſettled Peace*, in ſtead of a *Proviſional Treaty* only; and 'tis confidently talked, that it is with that View Colonel Stanhope is ſent hither from the K. of G. Britain. The Arrival of that Miniſter is moſt impatiently expected, who, as is affirmed, is alſo charged with Powers to regulate the Differences relating to Trade, which almoſt is the only Matter in Diſpute: And the Reaſon, ſay moſt People, why the *Proviſional Treaty* is not yet ſigned, is becauſe the Intention is to convert the ſame into a formal Treaty of Peace, by regulating therein all that concerns the Commerce of the two Powers.

London, Oct. 14. Colonel Douglas is appointed Lt. Colonel of the Lord Londonderry's Regiment of Foot.

We hear that the Parliament will be call'd to ſit for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs about the 11th of January next.

From a Weekly Journal, Octob. 14.

Our Foreign Advices have brought us the Copy of a Treaty concluded between the Czar and Sultan Eſref, the Conditions of which are much in favour of Ruſſia; Eſref parting with all Right and Title to theſe Provinces of Perſia now poſſeſs'd by his Czariſh Majeſty, and giving the Muſcovites ſeveral Advantages in Trade. If it be asked, What Benefits are allowed by the Muſcovites to the Perſians, in Return for all this? They only give Eſref the Title of Sophi; ſo that the Intereſts of the People are ſacrificed to Foreign Nations, only that Eſref's Title may be acknowledged. How miſerable is the Condition of that Country!

Our Advices from the Plantations take notice, that the Spaniſh Guard de Cooſts now and then continue to take the other Engliſh Ship, as 'twere to keep themſelves in Practice.

From the Daily Poſt-Boy, Octob. 14.

Hamburg, Oct. 13. They write from Moſcow, thot the Czar is bent upon viſiting certain Courts in Germany, and deſigns to take that Opportunity to renew his Alliances with ſome of the Potentates thereof.

From Dantzick we hear, that the Duke of Mecklenburg was making a Tour to the Cloiſter of Oliva;

va; That the Letters they received every Poſt from Poland were full of bad News, the Malecontents continning their pernicious Cabals; and that juſt before the King's Departure ſome Vilains attempted to burn his fine Palace and Orangery at Ujadzewow.

From Dreſden, That the Tents and other Neceſſaries for a Camp were actually delivered out; and from Hanover, that 3 more Pruſſian Soldiers were detained, but they do not ſay on what Account.

Francfort, Oct. 12. We hear not a Word of any Reduction of the French Forces in Alſace.

Berlin, Oct. 1. The King of Poland has publiſhed a new Order at Dreſden, by virtue of which they are actually raiſing Recruits to make up the Companies of Foot 106 Men, in ſtead of 86 as before, and every Company is to have 2d Captains and Lieutenants.

From the French Amſterdam Gazette, Oct. 18.

Port St. Mary's, Sept. 22. Yeſterday the King cauſed *Te Deum* be ſung in the Great Church of this City, alſo in the Chapel Royal, in Thankſgiving for the Dauphin's Birth. There was on this Occaſion a triple Diſcharge of all the Cannon on the Ramparts, the Forts, and the Veſſels in this Port.

Berlin, Oct. 11. They talk of another Interview betwixt the Kings of Poland and Pruſſia. The Miniſtry of Hanover have ſent a Courier to London, with the laſt Reſolutions of his Pruſſian Majeſty in relation to the delivering up of the Perſons reclaimed, and which were to be conducted to Brunſwick. The Return of this Courier is expected with the more Impatience, for that the Succeſs of the Negociations at Brunſwic depend in ſome meaſure upon the Anſwer he is to bring. As the Hanoverian Court ſends only an *Auditor* to Brunſwick, the King of Pruſſia will only ſend Mr. Milius with the ſame Character. We ſoon expect 7 fine Hawks of Iſeland, as a Preſent from the K. of Denmark to his Pruſſian Majeſty.

Hamburg, Oct. 11. They write from Stockholm, that they have finiſhed the Review of the Troops of that Nation, and that it appeared by the Liſts, that the Number of their Regular Troops, Horſe and Foot, amounted to 32,000 Men, beſides two Regiments of Militia of 3000 Men each, and the Troops in Pomerania, conſiſting of 8000.

They write from Petersburg, that they had Advice from Moſcow, that the Emperor of Ruſſia, after celebrating there the 22d of this Month, being the Anniverſary of his Birth, would ſet out for Petersburg.

Haddington, Oct 17, 1729.

Beſt Wheat,	1 0 10 00.	2d, 10 00 00.	3d, 09 00 00
Beſt Bear,	07 00 00.	2d, 06 14 00.	3d, 06 80 00
Beſt Oats,	06 18 00.	2d, 06 10 00.	3d, 06 08 00
Beſt Peaſe,	06 10 00.	2d, 06 00 00.	3d, 05 14 00

This Day (being the 9th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 8 o' Clock, 44 Min. Tomorrow, at 9, 32 Min. Wedneſday, at 11, 10 Min.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶†¶ Stoln or Strayed from the Earl of Hoptoun, a large white Hound with ſome black and brown Spots, a very big Head and blind of one Eye; likewiſe a large light-tawnd Beagle with a white Ring round his Neck, and a white Tip on his Tail. Whoever can bring theſe Dogs, or either of them to Hopetoun-Houſe, or to Mr. William Robertſon Writer in the Aſſembly-Cloſe, Edinburgh, ſhall have half a Guinea Reward for each. If they are in any Gentleman's Pack, it is hoped they will be ſo good as to return them.

¶†¶ That the Lands of DALRAY (*alias* BRANDSFIELD) are to be expoſed to Sale by way of public Roup, by the LORDS of SESSION, in the Parliament-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the Sixth Day of November next, beginning at 2 in the Afternoon; and are to be ſet up to Sale conform to the proven Rental and Price ſet thereupon by the ſaid Lords, viz. The Lands in Tenantry, 251 Bolls of Bear, at *L.* 100 the Chalder, and *L.* 377 09 04 Scots of Money; in all, *L.* 1946 04 04 Scots yearly. *Item*, The Lands feued to ſeveral Vaſſals, paying of Feu-duty yearly *L.* 691 10 00 Scots, are likewiſe to be ſet up, at 24 Years Purchaſe, without any Value upon the Caſualities of Superiority: From this Rental is to be deduced, one fifth-part for the Teind, of which there's a long Tack from the Crown for *L.* 16 Scots of Tack duty yearly; and which fifth-part of the Rent for the ſaid Teind, tho' the Tack thereof is ne ar equivalent to an heritable Right, are only valued, and to be ſet up at 18 Years Purchaſe. The Lands hold *Blanche* of the Crown, for Payment of a Pair of gilt Spurs valued at *L.* 8 Scots. Moſt of the Lands in Tenantry do not pay 2 Bolls per Acre, except 33 Acres which pay 3 Bolls, and did once pay 4 Bolls: And 'tis thought that the Whole may pay above 3 Bolls per Acre, as all the Lands round them do at the ſame Diſtance from Edinburgh. Theſe Lands all ly in the Pariſh of St. Cuthbert's, or Weſt Kirk, cloſe upon the Suburb called *The Weſt Port of Edinburgh*, betwixt the two Great High Ways to the City, from the Colt-bridge and Sauchtonhall; which makes the Lands in Tenantry very convenient for Feus, and may ſurely be feued at fifty Merks per Acre, as the reſt of the Lands there are already feu'd out. There's likewiſe 100 Merks yearly payable to the Proprietor by the Town of Edinburgh, out of the Impoſition of Two Penies upon the Pint of Ale during their Gift, which is valued by the Lords of Seſſion, and to be

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set up at five Years Purchase only; but it being to last near 30 Years, upon the common Computation of Annuities it is worth 14 or 15 Years Purchase: Extending the Value of the Lands, Feu-duties, Teinds, and Duty furth of the Two-Penies upon the Pint of Ale, to *L.* 59979 19 00 Scots, at which Price they are to be set up.

There's likewise at the same time to be exposed to Sale, the 3d and 4th STOREYS of a great Stone Tenement in the Castlehill of Edinburgh, on the South-de of the Street; the 3d Storey liferented and possess'd by the Relict of Sir Alexander Brand: Consisting of 6 Fire-rooms, beside Closets and Cellars, at 9 Years Purchase, of *L.* 156 Scots of yearly Rent: And the 4th, or Top Storey, at 7 Years Purchase, of *L.* 120 of yearly Rent. The particular proven Rental, and Process of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of MATTHEW BROWN, Depute-clerk of Session.

The Advertisement & Account of the Lands of DALRY, alias BRANDSFIELD, is published by Creditors, and not by the Apparent Heir, Carrier on of the Sale. Wherefore he the Apparent Heir hopes he will not be called upon to make good any Assertion in the above Particulars.

A. BRAND.

¶¶ That the Lands of *Easter-Harburnhead*, of *L.* 538, 06, 08 Scots of yearly Rent, with a convenient Dwelling-House two Storeys high, with good and convenient Office-houses, all lately repaired, and some little planted Inclosures. The Lands of *Wester-Harburnhead*, *L.* 266 13 04. *Middle-Muir*, *L.* 72 13 04; 16 Bolls Meal. The Lands of *Comilty* and *Comilty-Mill*, *L.* 337 00 04; Eight Bolls Meal: All lying contiguous. The Lands of *Dreffelrig* and *Sandie-gate*, *L.* 109 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, 1 Boll Oats; a Pendicle thereof call'd *Backstonfoord*, *L.* 26 06 08 Money, 4 Bolls Meal. The Lands of *Well-heads* of *Williamston*, *L.* 191 02 04 Money, 19 Bolls Meal: Extending in all to *L.* 1541 06 04 Scots Money; 3 Chalders Meal, and one Boll Oats of yearly Rent; all lying within the Parishes of Mid and West Calders, and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh; all set to good and sufficient Tenants, at the above Rent, conform to Tacks. To be holden Feu of the Crown, or of the Right Honourable the Lord of Torphichen: ARE to be Rouped and Sold upon Tuesday the 25th of November next, in the House of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, 'twixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup to be seen in the Hands of JAMES SCOT Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Byres's Close. *Nota.* The Lands are very improvable, being partly Muir and partly Dale-Lands: A Slate Quarey in the Lands of Easter-Harburnhead, Moss in several of the Mailings, and a Lime Quarey in Backstonefoord, and lying near to several Coal heughs.

¶¶ That the Lands of BYERS, lying within the Parish of Bathgate and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, of about *L.* 50 sterl. yearly Rent, and holding Feu of the Crown for Payment of 8 Merks yearly; as also the Lands of GARVIESIDE and BROTHERSTON, with a convenient Dwelling-house two Stories high, Officehouses and Dovecoat, lying in the Parish of West-Calder and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh, of about *L.* 50 sterl. yearly Rent, to be holden of the Crown or of a Subject: ARE to be Rouped and Sold upon Wednesday the 26th of November next, in the House of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 in the Afternoon, jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup to be seen the Hands of *James Scot* Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Byer's Close. *Nota.* If any have a-mind to purchase upon reasonable Terms, before the Day of Roup, they may enquire at the said *James Scot*.

¶ That in the Night between Sunday the 5th and Monday the 6th Instant, there was stoln of the Stable of John Russel in Newmarket of Bannockburn, near Stirling, a Blue gray GELDING, rump'd and pac'd, 6 Years old, and about 14 Hands high, with a Hole like the Tramp of a Horse on the Hoof of the near Fore-foot; also the same Night, a TWINING-MILL for Yarn, in the Town of Bannockburn; hard by the said John Russel's, was broke open, and a considerable Quantity of Woollen Yarn (part whereof twisted) stoln away; and whereas about 3 o' clock that Monday Morning a Man was seen pass Falkirk, going Eastward, on a Horse with the same Marks, and a Wallet behind, wherein the Yarn was supposed to be, and that Person the Thief: Whoever can give Notice of the Horse or Yarn, so as they be recovered, or the Thief apprehended, may acquaint James Walker, Baillie in Bannockburn, or Adam Murray in the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, and they shall be sufficiently rewarded.

††† That on the 6th current, being Auchtergavin Market, near to Nairn-house, there was laid hold on, going through the Market without any Appearance of Business, a Boy of 15 Years of Age, carrying with him a Bundle; which being seiz'd, he immediately absconded: And there was found therein, ten Cambrick Cuffs, four Cambrick Stocks, five short Cambrick Cravats, two long Muslin Cravats, two Muslin Stocks, a short Calicoe Waistcoat, an embroidered Waistcoat, a Box, wherein were two Wigs and one Foot Sock. The said Effects are in the Hands of *John Duff* at Nairn House; and if any Person proves the Property, he may have them, upon Payment of the Charges.

†¶† That the Lands and Barony of GROUGAR, lying within the Parish of Kilmarnock and Sheriffdom of Air, holding *Blanche* of the Crown, and paying of yearly Rent 264 Bolls 2 Firlots Meal, 4 Bolls Bear, and 2090 *l.* 6 *sh.* 08 *d.* Scots, of Money, besides Kain and Services, and a large Muir not rentall'd: Are to be exposed to Sale, by a voluntary ROUP, in the House of Mris. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, on the *last Tuesday of October* inst. betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. *ROBERT HEPBURN* Writer to the Signet, in Edinburgh, of *ROBERT PATERSON*, Town-clerk of Kilmarnock; and in the Hands of the Town-clerk of Glasgow.

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